

BARRE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Barre City Elementary and Middle School – James Taffel Library

May 6, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonya Spaulding – Chair
Giuliano Cecchinelli, II – Vice Chair
Sarah Pregent - Clerk
Jennifer Chioldi
Andrew McMichael
Chris Riddell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Deering

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Hayden Coon, Principal
Chris Hennessey, Principal

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Ben Matthews

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair, Mrs. Spaulding, called the Monday, May 6, 2019, Regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was held at the Barre City Elementary and Middle School James Taffel Library. The flag salute followed.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Add 9.1 Negotiations Update
Add 9.2 Personnel / Employee Matter
Add 9.3 Student Matter
Delete 5.1 Student Presentation (this item will be kept in as a placeholder)

3. Visitors and Communications

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes – April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting.

5. New Business

~~5.1 Student Presentation~~

5.2 Resignations/Retirements/New Hires

Letters of resignation from Kim Portalupi, Nicole Disher, Stephanie McMahan, Holly Haggerty, and Stephanie Appleton were distributed.

Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding each of the letters of resignation. It was noted that there are 4 outstanding letters of intent for employees who are ‘finalists’ elsewhere. Updates will be provided at the next meeting. Most open positions have been posted.

On a motion by Mr. Cecchinelli, seconded by Mrs. Chioldi, the Board unanimously voted to accept, with the Board’s thanks, the resignations of Kim Portalupi, Nicole Disher, Stephanie McMahan, Holly Haggerty, and Stephanie Appleton.

6. Old Business

6.1 Merger Update

Mr. Pandolfo advised that the Superintendent's Report contains a bulleted summary of updates. The BUUSD Board will meet on (05/09/19). It is anticipated that they will approve the First Readings of 58 policies, and that First Readings of 2 additional policies will also be presented for approval. The BUUSD Board is also expected to approve new hires. The Budget vote (for FY20) is being held on 05/14/19. Board Members are encouraged to help promote the budget. Mr. Pandolfo provided a legislative update, and advised that the judge recently ruled to dismiss in its entirety, the lawsuit involving Stowe and Elmore-Morristown. Previously, the judge dismissed 3 of the 5 arguments that were part of the lawsuit filed on behalf of 36+/- districts. It is expect that the judge will rule on the remaining 2 arguments sometime in the near future. Mr. Pandolfo advised that the Informational Public Forum for discussion of the FY2020 Budget will be held on Monday, 05/13/19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Spaulding High School Library.

6.2 Summer Project Update

A document titled Summer Project List BCEMS, SHS/CVCC, BTMES, BUUSD was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that BTMES will be completing roof repairs before 06/30/19, and will be holding a special meeting to approve the roof project bid. Canopy work at BTMES will most likely be approved by the BUUSD Board as it is anticipated that the work will be performed after 06/30/19. The distributed document contains information for each of the buildings. More RFPs will be presented for approval in the future. Summer School, which is held for 5 weeks, will be held at BTMES this summer. Some extended school year services programs will be held for Pre-k and SPED students.

7. Board Reports

7.1 Superintendent

A copy of the Superintendent's report dated April 25, 2019 was distributed. The report includes updates on the Merger and Negotiations. Mr. Pandolfo advised that a negotiation session was held on 04/29/19, and the next one is scheduled for 05/21/19. There were no questions from the Board.

7.2 Principals Report

A copy of the Co-Principals' report dated May 6, 2019 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; spring assessments (SBAC, VTSA, and FitnessGram), the After-school Program, Authors and Appetizers Night, hiring for 2019/2020, and Professional Development. Mr. Hennessey reported that on 05/03/19 Community College of Vermont sponsored a "Get to Know College" event for 8th graders. The event held was a large success. Additionally, Mr. Hennessey advised that BCEMS is 'deep into assessment season', and lauded Ben Matthews and Lindy Johnson for their involvement in organizing and setting up assessments. Mr. Coon highlighted the Authors and Appetizers Night with author Kate Farber (Salamander Sky). The event was a huge success with over 100 people attending. Additional author visits will occur next year. These author visits are made possible because BCEMS received the literacy grant.

7.3 Committee Reports

7.3.1 Facility/Security

Minutes from the April 1, 2019 meeting were distributed.

Facilities Committee -

The first meeting of the BUUSD Facilities Committee will be Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.. This meeting will begin in the conference room prior to the start of the BCEMS building tour.

7.3.2 Finance

Finance Committee -

Minutes from the March 26, 2019 BCEMS Finance Committee meeting were distributed. Mrs. Pregent advised that nothing has changed since the March meeting.

The first BUUSD Finance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the SHS Library.

7.3.3 Verbal Report of BSU Committees

Minutes from all BSU Committee meetings were previously sent to all Board Members.

Curriculum Committee -

The next meeting is Monday, May 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the SHS Library. Discussion will include Homework Related Matters, Library Renovation – Models and Plan, and a Review of the Consolidated Federal Grant Program.

The BUUSD Curriculum Committee will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the SHS Library.

The first meeting of the BUUSD Curriculum Committee will be Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the SHS Library.

Policy Committee -

The BSU Policy Committee last met on March 18, 2019.

The next meeting is Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the BSU 2nd Floor Conference Area.

Communications Committee -

The first meeting of the BUUSD Committee is Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the BSU Central Office.

Negotiations Committee -

Mr. Pandolfo will provide an update in Executive Session.

7.4 Financial Report

Three reports were distributed; BCEMS General fund Revenue Summary Report, BCEMS General Fund Expense Summary, and the BSU Expenditures FY19 Report. There was no year-end projection in the Board packet. Mr. Pandolfo advised that there is an unaudited projected surplus of \$46,445. The end-of-year projection will be updated in June. The audit for FY19 will most likely be reviewed in December 2019 or January/February 2020.

8. Round Table/Future Agenda Items

The next meeting is Monday, June 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the James Taffel Library. This meeting will be the last Regular School Board Meeting of the BCEMS Board.

Agenda Items:

Resignations/Retirements/New Hires

Merger Update

Summer Project Update

Negotiations Update

Board Recognition

Mr. Riddell advised that as the BCEMS Board begins to come to a close, he has been happy to serve the Board.

Mr. Coon advised that this is Teacher Appreciation Week and that the PTO has put together a wonderful agenda of things to help honor staff.

Mrs. Spaulding reminded community members to vote next Tuesday (05/14/19). Mrs. Spaulding advised that the vote is on a combined budget for the new BUUSD. Community members are encouraged to contact Mrs. Spaulding with any questions, or attend the public informational forum on Monday, 05/13/19. Documentation relating to the budget is available at the school or can be found on the BSU web site; bsuvt.org.

9. Executive Session

9.1 Negotiations Update

9.2 Personnel / Employee Matter

9.3 Student Matter

Items proposed for discussion in Executive Session include a Negotiations Update, a Personnel Matter, and a Student Matter.

On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Mrs. Chioldi, the Board unanimously agreed to find that premature general public knowledge of the items proposed for discussion would clearly place Barre City Elementary and Middle School at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public.

On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Mr. Riddell, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session, with Mr. Pandolfo, Mr. Coon, and Mr. Hennessey in attendance, at 6:35 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the items proposed for discussion.

The remaining information was provided by the Board Clerk.

On a motion by Mrs. Chioldi, seconded by Mr. McMichael, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mr. McMichael, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Poulin